

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 242 without my signature.

This bill contains primarily statements of intent for various teacher preparation, recruitment, and retention policies for both K-12 and higher education. Although it is desirable for the State to develop long-range plans for such matter as the preparation and retention of highly qualified teachers, this bill is neither comprehensive nor fiscally feasible. Moreover, this legislation is unnecessary since the Commission on Teacher Credentialing has indicated that it will adopt regulations consistent with the provisions outlined in this bill.

My Administration has already taken steps toward increasing the number of well-prepared teachers by working with the University of California and California State University systems to improve the supply of science and math teachers and is willing to continue working toward a more reasonable long range plan than what is provided for in this bill.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger